

REMARKS

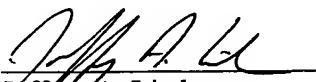
Claims 1-30 were originally pending in this application. In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect claims 1-26 of Group I for the examination.

By this amendment, non-elected claims 27-30 have been cancelled. Claims 3 and 19 have been amended to correct typographical errors. Claims 1-26 are now pending in this application.

In view of the above comments, examination on the merits of all of the pending claims is believed to be in order and consideration and allowance of the instant application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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